

Win All Nations for Peace, Plea of Socialists from 11 Lands

We have secured a copy of the stirring manifesto issued by the International Socialist Conference recently held at Zimmerwald, Switzerland, with representatives present from the principal warring countries. This is really the first statement of any large body of Socialists from various nations issued since the war began. It was signed by Socialists from eleven countries and reads, as follows:

THE war has now continued for more than a year. Millions of corpses cover the battlefields, millions of men have been turned into lifelong cripples. Europe has become a gigantic human slaughterhouse. The whole civilization, created by generations of labor, has been devastated. The wildest barbarism celebrates its triumph over all that has hitherto been the pride of mankind.

IMPERIALISM CAUSED WAR. **WHATEVER** MAY be the truth as to the responsibility for the outbreak of this war—one thing is sure: The war that has brought forth this chaos is the result of imperialism, of the ambitions of the capitalist classes of each nation to nourish their profit lust from the exploitation of human labor and the natural resources of the globe.

Economically backward or economically weak nations have accordingly fallen under the yoke of the great powers, who seek in this war to transform the map of the world with blood and iron to make it correspond with their exploiting interests. So it is that the fate of whole peoples and nations, like Belgium, Poland, the Balkan states and the Armenians, is to be divided as prey in the game of compensation, and to be torn entirely or partially into fragments, and then annexed.

WAR MOTIVES BARED. **THE** MOTIVE forces of the war in all their baseness come into view as the struggle goes on. **SHRED BY SHRED EVERY VEIL IS TORN AWAY** by which it has been sought to hide the truth about this world catastrophe from the knowledge of the peoples.

The capitalists of all countries that would coin the blood of their peoples into the red gold of profits assert that the war is for the defense of fatherlands, of democracy, or the liberation of oppressed

peoples. **THEY LIE.** In fact and in truth they would bury within each nation the devastated liberties of their own peoples together with the independence of other nations.

NEW FETTERS, NEW CHAINS, NEW BURDENS ARE ARISING AND THE PROLETARIAT OF EVERY COUNTRY, CONQUERORS AS WELL AS CONQUERED, MUST BEAR THESE.

Betterment of conditions was proclaimed at the outbreak of the war—misery and deprivation, unemployment and high prices, under-nourishment and pestilence were the actual results. For decades to come the costs of war will devour the best energies of the peoples, endanger achievements of social reform and prevent every progressive step.

WAR LEAVES ONLY RUIN. **CULTURAL DESOLATION,** economic destruction, political reaction—these are the blessings of this monstrous contest of nations.

So it is that war reveals the naked form of modern capitalism as irreconcilable, not alone with the interests of the working class, nor with the interests of historical evolution, but with the very elementary conditions of human association.

The ruling powers of capitalist society, in whose hands the history of the peoples rest, monarchial as well as republican governments, the secret diplomacy, the powerful associated monopolies, the bourgeois parliaments, the capitalist press and the church—all these share the responsibility for this war that has arisen out of the society they have nourished and protected, and for whose interests it is conducted.

LABORERS! Exploited, outlawed, despised—when war broke out and you were wanted on the field of slaughter, you were addressed as brothers and comrades. Now, when militarism has crippled, mangled, crushed and destroyed you, the rulers demand that you shall surrender your interests, your goal, your ideal and, in a word, submit to a slavish subjection in the name of civic harmony. **THEY WOULD ROB YOU OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPRESSING YOUR IDEAS, YOUR FEELINGS, EVEN YOUR SUFFERINGS, AND WOULD DEPRIVE YOU OF THE POWER OF PRESSING YOUR DEMANDS OR EVEN OF DEFENDING THEM.** The press is muzzled, political rights and liber-

ties are trodden under foot—military dictation rules today with an iron fist.

MUST FACE FACTS. **THIS** CONDITION, which threatens the entire future of Europe and of humanity, we cannot and dare not longer face without action.

For decades the Socialist proletariat has led the fight against militarism. With increasing apprehension its representatives occupied themselves at their national and international gatherings with the ever more threatening danger of war arising out of imperialism. At Stuttgart, Copenhagen and Basle international Socialist congresses have pointed the way that the proletariat must go.

Socialist parties and labor organizations of various countries that had agreed on this way, have since the beginning of the war disregarded the duties that followed from this agreement. Their representatives have called on labor to cease the class struggle, the only possible and effective means of proletarian emancipation.

LABOR USED AS TOOL. **THEY** HAVE given their assent to the ruling class for the war credits, they have placed themselves at the disposal of gov-

How You Can Help!

THIS proclamation by European Socialists tells what happened to Europe because of the mad competition between the nations in the building up of huge armaments. The United States is headed in the same direction. The European Socialists are doing all in their power to reclaim that continent from the abyss of barbarism. American Socialists must halt the United States in its insane plunge towards militarism. You can help by distributing a bundle of "THE MEYER LONDON EDITION" of The American Socialist, dated Dec. 4, which will tell of the fight that Meyer London, the Socialist congressman from New York, supported by the one million voting Socialists of the United States, will make against the monster of militarism in the congress that opens its sessions Dec. 6.

ernments for various services, they have through their press and their emissaries sought to win neutrals to the governmental policy of their countries, they have sent Socialist ministers into the governments as whips to guard civil peace, and thereby they have, before the working class, for the present and the future, accepted responsibility for this war, its objects and its methods. And like the various individual parties, the official representative of the Socialists of all countries, the international Socialist bureau, has also failed.

These facts have brought about a condition where the international working class that was not directly carried away by the national panic of the first days of war, or that has freed itself from that panic, have not yet been able, in the second year of the war, to find ways and means to bring their effective power into action for peace simultaneously in all countries.

INTERNATIONALISM. **IN** THIS unendurable condition we, the representatives of Socialist parties, unions and minorities of these, we Germans, French, Italians, Russians, Poles, Letts, Roumanians, Swedes, Norwegians, Dutch and Swiss, we who do not stand on the ground of national solidarity with the exploiting class, but on the ground of the international solidarity of the proletariat and the class struggle, have come together in order to knit up the broken threads of international relations, and TO CALL THE WORKING CLASS TO SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS AND TO THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE.

This struggle is the struggle for liberty, for fraternity and for Socialism. It is time to take up this battle for peace and for a peace without annexations or war indemnities. Such a peace is only possible on condition of the condemnation of all violence against the rights and liberties of the peoples. Neither the possession of whole nations nor of separate sections of nations must be permitted to lead to forcible incorporation. No annexation, either open or masked, and no forcible economic union secured through any violation of political rights must be made. The right of self-determination of peoples must be the indestructible foundation of the creation of national relations.

Proletarians! Since the outbreak of the war you have devoted your strength, your

courage, your endurance to the service of the ruling class. **THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO STAND FORTH FOR YOUR OWN CAUSE,** for the sacred purpose of Socialism, for the liberation of oppressed peoples, for all subject classes and for the irreconcilable, proletarian class-struggle.

It is the task and the duty of the Socialists of the warring countries to take up the full burden of this struggle. It is the task and the duty of the Socialists of all neutral countries to support with all their strength their brothers in this struggle against bloody barbarism.

Never in the history of the world was there a more imperative, a higher or more sublime task than this, whose fulfillment must be our common work. No sacrifice is too great, no load too heavy to bear in order to attain the goal of peace among the nations.

Workingmen and working women! Mothers and fathers! Widows and orphans! Wounded and crippled! All who have suffered from war or through war, we call to you over the frontiers, over the smoking slaughter fields, over devastated cities and villages: PROLETARIANS OF ALL NATIONS, UNITE!

This manifesto was signed in the name of the International Socialist Conference by the following:

For the German delegation, Georg Ledebour, Adolph Hoffman.

For the French, A. Bourderon, A. Merheim.

For the Italian, G. E. Modigliani, Constantine Lazzari.

For the Russian, N. Lenin, Paul Axelrod, M. Babroff.

For the Poles, St. Lapinski, A. Warski, Cz. Hanacki.

For the Inter-Balkan Socialist Federation: Roumanian, C. Racovskij; Bulgarian, Wasil Kolárov.

For the Swedes and Norwegians, Z. Hoglund, Ture Nerman.

For the Dutch, H. Roland Holst.

For the Swiss, Robert Grimm, Charles Naine.

The Independent Labor party of England had declared itself in sympathy with the conference and had elected delegates, but the British government refused to issue passports, and therefore their names cannot be officially signed.

Exploiters' Private Army of Strike Breakers Near Doom In Chicago—Big Labor Victory

By J. L. ENGDAHL.

PRIVATE SLUGGERS in labor struggles are a thing of the past in Chicago. The time when the masters of industry can recruit ex-convicts from the dregs of the underworld to go out on the streets of the city to murder and maim men and women, girls and boys on strike for a little more bread—this time has passed forever.

That is the meaning of action forced thru the Chicago City Council by its two battling Socialist aldermen. This is a victory in the halls of government, of the nation's second largest city, that should inspire and encourage the battered but not beaten forces of labor in all the cities of the land.

When the private armies of the exploiters have been mustered out, because the growing power of labor demands it, then organized toil is near ultimate and complete victory.

Hundreds of special police, private detectives as they are called, were sworn in immediately 30,000 garment workers declared war on Chicago's clothing barons. They inaugurated a reign of terror, with the passive consent of the regular Chicago police force, that roused the best fighting blood of the strikers.

The two Socialist aldermen went on the picket line with the strikers and spoke at their meetings. Alderman William E. Rodriguez, who is a lawyer, helped handle the strike cases as hundreds after hundreds were arrested.

Strikers by the hundreds were bailed out of filthy police dungeons and jury cases demanded. In one instance so many arrests were made, so many strikers—men and girls—were jammed into the enclosed police automobiles that the victims had to break the windows to get air or suffocate.

Situation Desperate. It was a desperate situation that confronted the strikers when Alderman Rodriguez introduced his resolution in the City Council demanding an investigation of police brutality. Aldermen are always in favor of investigations, and so they turned the matter over to the committee on schools, police, fire and civil service, which numbers among its members the other Socialist alderman, John C. Kennedy.

This committee found that it had stumbled into a real investigation of a strike. The city's chief of police was called on the carpet with his first as-

facts. It found an avenue of retreat, however. It voted unanimously to stigmatize the sluggers, and incidentally the clothing barons, by urging the City Council to abolish the employers' private army of Hessians.

Bosses Are Indignant.

The committee had an additional reason for taking this position. The garment manufacturers probably do not yet realize that there are two Socialists in the City Council. Therefore, when the council committee respectfully requested the garment manufacturers to appear before them and state their case, they stubbornly refused to take any notice of the council committee, and expressed their righteous indignation over the interference of the city's aldermen in their private affairs.

Of course the democratic and republican aldermen felt they had been insulted and so they decided to hit back. They struck a smashing blow by urging the City Council to revoke all the certificates of appointment of the special police on strike duty, by ordering the police department to get a record of all the special strike police, their former occupations and criminal records, if any, the names of the detective agencies that had furnished them, in addition to other matters that the employers do not like to have investigated.

Republican Turns "Friend of Labor."

The righteous wrath of the regular council committee that had investigated "police brutality" was supplemented by the increasing indignation of a special committee headed by a republican alderman from the same ward represented by Socialist Alderman Rodriguez, Chicago having two aldermen from each ward. Rodriguez' brilliant record in the street car strike had suddenly made "a friend of labor" out of the republican alderman, with the result that he had himself appointed chairman of a special committee to investigate, and, if possible, arbitrate the strike. This special committee had been turned down cold by the bosses, who refused to discuss the strike with them at all, and it, too, reported to the City Council that it had been insulted.

These were the moving factors, with the Socialist aldermen in the background, pulling the strings, that caused the Chicago City Council, by a vote of 60 to 6, to instruct the city's mayor and chief of police to wipe out the clothing barons' private army, after taking a census of its membership, which will make very interesting reading. The corporation has-

lings on the floor of the City Council tried to head off the breaking storm, but their protests were unceremoniously swept aside or almost unanimously voted down.

Interprets Action Taken.

While the City Council was voting to maintain its dignity in spite of the clothing manufacturers, Socialist Alderman Kennedy pointed out to them the real significance of what they were doing.

"The big question that we have before us," Kennedy told the City Council, is whether the manufacturers can use the city of Chicago to beat the workers into submission."

And that is the real effect that the vote of the City Council will have on the strike situation. The garment manufacturers will soon wake up, and when they do they will suddenly discover that because there are two Socialists in the Chicago City Council, therefore they cannot use the city of Chicago to break the strike of the garment workers.

In the meantime the council committee on schools, fire, police and civil service will not be permitted to whitewash the Chicago police department, however anxious its members may be to do so. The council passed an order, introduced by Alderman Rodriguez, demanding that this committee submit a complete report of its investigation. Before it is all over it is expected that the Chicago police department, one of the best strike-breaking organizations in the country, will have been considerably chastened, and it will adopt more humane methods in handling strike situations.

Open Meetings to Public.

This all took place at the council meeting held on the day that Mayor Thompson, who became a presidential possibility when he closed the saloons on Sunday, returned from his trip to the San Francisco exposition. Incidental to his return the galleries of the council chambers were again jammed by "Thompson boosters," while the garment strikers and delegates of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who had come to register their protest, were denied admission. Even the old party aldermen didn't like this, and Alderman Kennedy's motion to throw open the council meetings to all—first come, first admitted—was passed without anyone, not even Mayor Thompson, daring to object. This is the situation as Chicago Socialists open their campaign to send more Socialists to the City Council at the election next spring.

Don't be a kicker. Let the masters ride you in safety.

Let the cry go up over all the land, "No crop, no rent." Pledge all candidates for the legislature to stand for that principle enacted into law.

After all, John D.'s private union gets its strength from the fool position of the old unions to the effect that the interest of the laborer and capitalist is identical.

New York bankers "lend" money to European powers. Then they spend the money with themselves, as manufacturers of munitions of war, for war materials. They never turn over a penny of the money at any time. Great game of capitalism.

Europe's trouble all comes of a contest to see which of the members of a criminal and imbecile family are going to get the most spoils of the workers of Europe. And the workers of Europe are fighting to divide themselves.

Europe is sending gold here for real wealth as represented by wheat and food. American capitalists are getting the gold. The country itself is getting nothing but merely being depleted of its wealth. And this is sensible "business."

There is not only a rally of the reactionaries, but also there is a welter of corruption similar to that which followed the Spanish-American war in the watering of stocks. The masters are in the saddle and riding hard; and what are you going to do about it?

Some day the nations of Europe that are now buying munitions of war in America will "get even" with this country because her capitalists sold them junk for guns and worms for meat and sawdust for powder. That is "business" for you.

This is the way it works: War contracts made it certain that munitions factories could make 50 per cent on their investment. They therefore increased their capital stock, without further investment, in order to make the profit appear to be only 6 per cent, and now insist on making 10 per cent on the new capital stock. Just as easy as pie under a fool system.

Seidel Stirs Throgs; Starts his American Socialist Tour in East

Emil Seidel started The American Socialist Lecture Course at Elizabeth, N. J., and in New York City, last week, before big audiences. By the time this issue of The American Socialist reaches you, George E. Kirkpatrick will also have started, following Seidel. Our cartoonist, Ryan Walker, is now preparing to supplement the work of these two great speakers with his great cartoon lecture.

Here is part of what The Call, the New York Socialist daily, had to say in reporting Seidel's speech:

He had some quiet sarcasm about the folly of preparedness, saying that after spending millions of dollars the nations would always remain weak, for none of them ever felt they were quite strong enough.

"They tell us our navy is weak, but if we spend millions of dollars for battleships, we would still be weak," he said. He roundly scored the preparedness program of President Wilson, who wished to spend \$500,000,000 for a bigger army and navy. "Europe is a good example of preparedness," said Seidel. "They had more than \$500,000,000 worth and they are all at each others' throats."

He pointed out some of the conditions existing in the United States, the vast numbers of unemployed, underpaid workers and their children, the common evils of poor housing and poor nourishment.

Why Build Battleships?

"For what should we build more battleships?" he asked. "Most of us have no homes, many of us rarely have a square meal, the majority are not well clothed. What have we to build battleships for on which we must pay the greatest share of the tax?"

He spoke of some of the functions of governments which failed to work for the benefit of the great majority of its inhabitants. He spoke of the land swindles that have been perpetrated in the country (he mentioned the Rosebud reservation frauds and the Everglades swindle), and the government was the silent partner. He said that when unemployment was ripe and evictions were the rule in the cities, particularly New York City, in 1913 and 1914, the authorities did nothing to aid the unfortunate, the cold and the hungry, but investigate. "They always investigate," he said.

Therefore, Seidel urged his audience to be wary of those who cried for big navies and big armies. He said these were principally to protect the robber class.

His Preparedness Idea.

"Edison says the next war will be won by brains and machinery," remarked Seidel. "Then here is the preparedness to urge on President Wilson: See that the agencies of government are exerted to get good, clean food and good homes and clothes for the people of this nation. Then we can support the brains and we will be prepared. An undernourished, poorly educated nation cannot fight even if it has a \$500,000,000 army and navy."

He gave some of the records of school children in the larger cities who never had three full meals a day, and what they did get was mostly adulterated with preservatives and dyes. He mentioned the fact that food was often destroyed to give the speculators profit rather than have the poor get cheap food. He spoke of the 8,000,000 women in industry, the future mothers of the nation, that seemed not to affect the government in the least and for which it would be difficult to get a 50-cent appropriation, although they were worth more to the nation than battleships.

UTAH NOW PLANS TO SHOOT JOE HILL, LABOR POET, NOV. 19

The State of Utah has set a new date for the shooting of Joseph Hillstrom, better known as Joe Hill, the I. W. W. poet. The first shooting, which had been set for Oct. 1, was stopped by an appeal of President Wilson to Governor Spry for clemency on request of the Swedish minister to this country. He has now been ordered shot to death Friday, Nov. 19.

(By Wire To The American Socialist.)

Ida Crouch Hazlett was arrested at Douglas, Ga., Oct. 16, after a speech of four hours, during which all the forces of an irate gang of politicians were directed against her. They hired drunken men to draw the attention of the crowd, a man with a megaphone, and finally secured a band and placed it in a room directly over where she was speaking.

She demanded protection and was arrested, but let her go on her presentation of her rights under the law. A crowd of 1,000 persons watched the remarkable performance.

Before it is too late

HAVE YOU ENLISTED WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO WIN MORE WORKERS FOR SOCIALISM BY SENDING THEM THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST FOR ONE YEAR AND PUTTING COPIES OF THE NOW FAMOUS "1914 CAMPAIGN BOOK" INTO CIRCULATION? THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST WANTS TO PUT THOUSANDS OF THESE CAMPAIGN BOOKS TO WORK FOR SOCIALISM. IT IS THEREFORE OFFERING A COPY OF THIS BOOK FREE WITH EVERY YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION AT 50 CENTS. THERE IS ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE ON HAND. NO MORE WILL BE PUBLISHED. **GET YOUR COPY UP AND SEND IN YOUR ORDER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

THIS week we make our first gain in several months of desperate struggling. Instead of another big slump we make a slight advance. The strength of the "On" army this week wins a slight advantage over the "Offs." The record is as follows:

Subscribers last week.....41,461
In favor of the "Ons"..... 918
Net gain for the "Ons"..... 42
Subscribers this week.....41,503

We know that The American Socialist sub hinders on the line of battle are determined not to suffer another setback. "Forward!" is the order of the day from now on.

WE CHANGE PRINTERS.
With this week's issue The American Socialist changes printers. Hereafter the party paper will be published by the Chicago Arbeiter-Zeitung Pub. Co., the publishers of the Chicago German Socialist Daily, The Arbeiter-Zeitung, which has been a power in building up the Chicago Socialist movement.

You will notice that the paper has been reduced from eight to seven columns. The columns in the paper this week are wider than formerly so that the loss in space is not very great. The seven-column paper will make it easier to jump from four to six pages when this is warranted by our increasing subscription list. We hope to be able to increase to six pages before the opening of the 1916 national presidential campaign.

While our German Socialist daily has a fully equipped printing plant, and will get The American Socialist to you on record time, we must, nevertheless, look forward to the time when the circulation of our party paper will be so great that it will compel us to have a printing plant of our own.

THE LECTURE COURSE.
We expect great things from our lecture course. This is the first big national Socialist effort to arouse the workers. Emil Seidel, our vice-presidential candidate in 1912, opened the winter lecture course at Elizabeth, N. J., Friday night, October 15. George R. Kirkpatrick followed him one week later, October 22, and on Friday night, October 29, Ryan Walker, The American Socialist cartoonist, will follow with his great cartoon lecture.

Every one of the 165 Socialist locals taking this winter lecture course expects to make good. This will be a stupendous success for the party. To blaze the way for the Socialist candidates for president and vice president, who will bear the big burden of the work during the 1916 campaign. Socialist locals taking this lecture course should do all in their power to dispose of their tickets as soon as possible. At the meetings every effort should be made to sell a large amount of literature. Once we reach the brain and the intelligence of the working class then the nation is ours.

OUR GREAT OFFER.
There is big work for those locals that have not taken the lecture course. The members of these locals should take advantage of our great offer—The American Socialist and the "1914 Campaign Book" for 50 cents. Do one of these two things:

FIRST—Either send The American Socialist to one or more of your friends or neighbors at 50 cents a year. For every sub sent in you get a copy of the "1914 Campaign Book." Put these campaign books to work as a circulating library.

SECOND—Or go out and get your friends to pay 50 cents for their own conversion to Socialism before the 1916 elections. For every sub you secure you will receive a campaign book which you can immediately put to work.

WORK FOR ALL.
There is work for all Socialists. You should immediately decide on the work that you are to do before the votes are counted next November. When you have decided on your task, then see that it immediately becomes an accomplished fact.

ELMER FLANNERY, Ludlow, Ill., is the first worker for Socialism to take advantage of our combination offer of The American Socialist and the "1914 Campaign Book" for 50 cents. He starts the avalanche. We are ready for it.

SOME OF OUR PREMIUMS FOR LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS.
OUR NOVELTY KNIFE for a club of 16 subscribers at 25 cents each. A BEAUTIFUL SOCIALIST PRESENT for a club of 6 members at 25 cents each.

YOU CAN GET THE KNIFE AND PEN-KNIFE BY SENDING IN A CLUB OF 20 SUBSCRIBERS.

The above are premiums that are proving most popular with our comrades. Write for a SUBSCRIPTION BLANK and during your spare time solicit for subscriptions and you will be surprised how many you will get with but little effort.

HENRY DUBB IS PUT WISE ON THE HOME QUESTION

By Ryan Walker

Soon after taking his stand to open an out-door memorial meeting in honor of James Keir Hardie, ex-Mayor of Lewis J. Duncan was forcibly compelled to stop speaking by the chief of police of Butte, Mont., acting under orders of the acting mayor of the city, M. D. O'Connell, says the Butte Socialist. This suppression of free speech followed upon the previous refusal of the same acting mayor to rent the city's auditorium to the Socialist central committee for the purpose of holding the memorial meeting. The alleged reason for not permitting the auditorium to be rented for the purpose stated was that one of the speakers would be Jim Larkin, Dublin, Ireland, who is endeavoring to bring about a reorganization of the Western Federation of Miners.

FIGHTING THE BEAST

By WILLIAM J. McDONALD.

NOTE.—Here is another story showing how republican and democratic school boards employ Socialists as school teachers. The story McDonald tells is that of a large number of teachers who are also Socialists. McDonald lives at Lost Creek, Pa.

CAME of working-class parentage, and, being compelled to struggle for an existence, I was sent to the coal breakers at an early age, later into the coal mines. After some years of toiling in the dark holes of the mines, I met with an accident that resulted in the loss of one of my lower limbs. Realizing that I was incapacitated for manual labor around the mines, I went back to the public schools for a little more education. On receiving a fair knowledge of the common school branches, and with an awakened ambition, I found the public school did not fulfill my desires, and was also in need of better equipped teachers. I then applied and was admitted to the Keystone State Normal School at Keystone, Pa. After three years of hard and studious work I received my diploma. Was that all? Oh, no; the getting of a job and being disciplined came next.

But before going farther with my story, I want to say that shortly after entering Normal School I began to read a little on social and industrial conditions. I saw how the workers, are denied a higher and liberal education. It was a concrete lesson. It urged me on to investigate. I became a keener student of social, economic and industrial conditions. I discovered that I was a victim of this outrageous industrial system. Quietly, but patiently, I went on seeking the causes, observing conditions as they are.

The diploma received, I left my alma mater to go out into the world once more. I applied for a school in my home district, but was unsuccessful. I lacked the "necessary pull," which is vote-getting. I was then and am now the only teacher holding a State Normal diploma out of a corps of 36 teachers in my district. This completed my education. I saw the light. I found that our entire social system is a farce. Where was I to look for the greatest existing force striving to correct the evils of our present-day society? I decided there is but one, and that is the Socialist movement. Four months after graduation I became a dues-paying member of the Socialist Party.

True to Manhood; Fired.
The next year I was successful in securing a position from the school board and held it for two years, but with the expectation on the part of the board that I would stop my advocacy of Socialism. I am not guilty of teaching Socialism in the public schools. There is a difference in teaching Socialism and advocating Socialism.

This year I applied for reappointment. I received high recommendations from the people of the community in which I taught. The school board delayed action. July 22 was the last day for registration, to register as a qualified elector to vote at the primaries. I registered as a Socialist. Then, by Caesar, said before he crossed the River Rubicon on his return from Gaul, "The die is cast." The board met several days later and I was summarily dismissed. All because I held to my manhood and principles.

Scott Nearing, the discharged assistant professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted the deanship of arts and sciences at the University of Toledo. It is hoped that he will not be curbed at Toledo in turning his guns on the citadels of privilege, as was the case at Philadelphia.

The whole free speech controversy at the University of Pennsylvania threatens to be revived by the refusal by Dr. Walter T. Taggart to permit a body of students to conduct a woman's suffrage meeting in Houston Hall because "woman suffrage is a political issue."

War cannot stop Socialism, but some day Socialism will stop war.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

SOME of the Western people are saying that if Judge Hillyer, the ex-Rockefeller lawyer who sentenced John W. Lawson to penal servitude for life upon the charge of aiding and abetting the killing of a gunman altho nowhere near the scene of the crime, had any sense of decency left in his corrupt carcass he would resign. In admitting Lawson to \$35,000 bail and granting a new trial, and in forbidding Hillyer to sit as judge in any more strike cases, the Colorado Supreme Court has utterly discredited Rockefeller tool in every important detail. Nevertheless the funky of plutocracy will hang on to his position if for no other purpose than to tyrannize over other victims when the present storm blows over. The people forget easily.

The peons of Yucatan have also gained a large measure of freedom. The Carranza government has not only issued orders permitting the workers to organize, but has abolished the law permitting liens on wages, by which method labor was kept in a condition of peonage, and has established co-operative agencies through which small producers may sell direct to consumers without the intervention of many middlemen to absorb profits. Over 5,000 workers are now organized, including printers, masons, retail clerks, bakers, electricians, carpenters, bartenders and waiters, smelters, teamsters, blacksmiths and boiler makers, seamen of the port of Progreso, street car men and railroad men.

At the labor conference held in Albany, N. Y., it was unanimously voted to oppose the revised State Constitution that will be submitted to the electors Nov. 2. The gathering was the largest labor conference ever held in the Empire State, being attended by nearly all the central bodies and hundreds of locals, the State Socialist organization and other progressive bodies. The railway employees, school teachers and policemen and firemen in many places sent word they would also oppose the proposed new constitution because of reactionary features that it contains. The conference also voted to support the separate amendment submitted which provides for woman suffrage.

Altho Governor Hunt, of Arizona, admitted that the strike of miners at Copper Mountain and Metcalf were justified, he nevertheless sent militia into the district to help out the mine owners, whose coercive and thieving methods caused the walkout. Contrast recent strike movements across the Rio Grande, where Carranza sent his army even Villa officers in some instances, went to the front for the workers and compelled profit-grabbing capitalists to raise wages, reduce hours of labor and introduce other humane conditions upon pain of having their property confiscated and operated by the revolutionary State.

The eight-hour movement continues to push its way forward. The 3,000 employees of the Standard Oil Co. in Chicago were granted the concession last week, as were the 7,500 employees of the Victor Talking Machine Co. at Camden, N. J. The United States Envelope Co., the Powers Papers Co. and the Birnie Paper Co. at Springfield, Mass., have announced that they will put into effect a 48-hour week schedule for their employees. The paper companies beat the labor agitators to it, feeling that a strike might be precipitated.

The annual convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress went on record in favor of establishing a six-hour workday to relieve unemployment and also demanded that the government establish free employment bureaus thruout the country. The convention voted overwhelmingly against conscription, but will stand by the mother country during the war.

New York Central Federated Union has sent a circular letter to its affiliated locals urging that a 30-day campaign be inaugurated among the 700,000 union members in and about the metropolis to secure subscriptions for the New York Call, the only English-speaking daily in total lock-out of the workers a square deal all the time.

J. Mackenzie King, the Canadian politician imported by the Rockefeller family to head the \$100,000,000 foundation and find out the "cause" of industrial unrest, gets \$25,000 a year. Maybe that's the cause—that such fakirs get princely incomes while those who do the useful work of the country receive \$500 or \$600 a year.

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HOW THE BANKERS ROB US.
At great intervals some government official breaks the chains that are supposed to bind the political slaves of the old parties and speaks right out. John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, is an official of this kind. He recently told the Kentucky Bankers' Association of the efforts he had made to force national banks to reduce their interest charges to borrowers during the days of stress in the financial and business world, following the outbreak of the European war.

"Of the 7,615 national banks in the country," declared Williams, "1,020 have sent in detailed reports showing that they have received an average of 10 per cent or more on loans." He cited, without giving names, instances in which the rate ran up to 40, 60, 1,000 per cent. In one case, that of a woman who borrowed \$3.50 for six days, he said the bank charged \$1, or 2,400 per cent.

"These banks," continued Williams, "are authorized by the government. To an extent, at least, they have behind them the sanction, the prestige and the protection of the American nation—and lending